

which are now making for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia. The agitation of the subject is calculated to disturb the relation of master and slave within this State; and the success of the agitators in this scheme would strike a serious blow at the interest of the people of Maryland, and impress them with the belief that the Congress of the United States have not a due regard for their rights, institutions and feelings.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State, be requested to send copies of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and to the Senators and Representatives from this State, with the request, that they shall lay them before the Honorable Bodies of which they are members.

NUMBER 14.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all committees whose duties require their absence from the seat of Government, shall be allowed by the committee on Claims the amount of their actual expenses, and no extra per diem nor mileage as heretofore.

NUMBER 15.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That the Constitution of the United States, so admirably framed by the wisdom of our forefathers, is recognized by the people of Maryland, as the charter of their liberties, the foundation, support and protection of their rights, and the main source of all their prosperity; that they are at all times ready cordially to renew the expression of their devotion to its principles, that they unreservedly acknowledge the supremacy of all laws made in pursuance thereof, and repudiate every construction of that instrument which would destroy its efficiency, its very existence, indeed, by the assertion of any right, expressed, implied, or reserved in the States, to secede from the Union; and although they consider the right of revolution, for justifiable cause, inherent in every people, they unhesitatingly declare that they know no existing cause to justify the people of the United States, in attempting the overthrow of their Government.

2. *Resolved*, That the duty and interest of the people of Maryland, alike forbid that they should take part in the infatuated and suicidal rebellion which now seeks to separate the States of this Union, and to destroy that great Nationality which has made us prosperous at home and respected abroad; which separation, if accomplished, must result in the most serious disasters to all the States, but, from the peculiarity of our geographical position, can bring to our own State nothing but irretrievable ruin.

3. *Resolved*, That the present unhappy and fratricidal war has been forced upon the Government of the United States, by the seditious and unlawful acts of those who have attempted its overthrow by violence, and the State of Maryland will cheerfully contribute her proportion of men and means to sustain the Nation in its struggle for existence, so